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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KENT CRANE
OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

Subject: Kidnapping of Mr. Dan A. Mitrione and Dr. Claude Fly

Enclosed for your information is a copy of our response to a telegram in which Governor Bartlett of Oklahoma asked the President to assist the Government of Uruguay in every way possible to obtain the release of American citizens held by kidnappers in Uruguay.

for Theodore L. Eliot, Jr.
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Copy of reply to Governor Bartlett
2. Cable from Governor Bartlett

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Honorable Dewey F. Bartlett
Governor of Oklahoma
Oklahoma City

Dear Governor Bartlett:

President Nixon has asked me to reply to your telegram of August 7, asking that he assist the Government of Uruguay in every way possible to obtain the release of Dr. Claude Fly and two other Americans being held by kidnappers.

Dr. Fly and one other American, rather than two, were kidnapped. I assure you that everything humanly possible has been and is being done to deal with the situation. President Nixon, through our Ambassador in Uruguay, has stressed to the Uruguayan Government that every feasible action be considered and pursued to facilitate the safe return of the kidnapped victims to their families. To our sorrow, Mr. Dan A. Mitrione, one of those held, was murdered by his kidnappers. President Nixon has received assurances from Uruguayan President Pacheco that he is determined to use all means at his disposal to bring about the safe release of the remaining American being held by kidnappers, Dr. Claude Fly.

Manifesting his resolve, President Pacheco sought and obtained from the Uruguayan Congress the authority to suspend normal constitutional guarantees

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in order to permit the Uruguayan police and Armed Forces to press more effectively the campaign against the terrorists. Our Ambassador in Uruguay, the Honorable Charles W. Adair, Jr., is in continuous contact with Uruguayan authorities and is being kept informed by them on the progress of their efforts on behalf of Dr. Fly.

The President and we in the Department of State, whose friends and colleagues are primary targets of this wanton terrorism, fully appreciate and share your concern.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Meyer
Assistant Secretary

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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Ted Eliot
Executive Secretary

FROM: Kent Crane KC

Attached is mail for Top Priority handling.

Please see that an appropriate answer is sent out from the Department.

Note: The telegram is addressed to the President and not the Vice President. I suppose our office received it because of our connection with the Office of Intergovernmental Relations.

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PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON

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DEAR SIR:

DR CLAUDE FLY AND TWO OTHER US CITIZENS HAVE BEEN KIDNAPPED AND ARE BEING HELD FOR EXCHANGE FOR ADDITIONAL HOSTAGES IN URUGUAY.

PLEASE ASS T THE GOVERNMENT OF URUGUAY IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE TO GAIN THEIR SAFE RETURN. SINCERELY

DEWEY F BARTLETT GOVERNOR STATE OF OKLAHOMA.

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